DIDN'T SCARE THE CHIEFS.

of powers of the Department of Charities

did not seem to create much consternation

yesterday. In Allegheny it was only re-

garded as "sour grapes," and in Pittsburg

t was believed that as the Board of Poo

Guardians were elected by Councils and

turn over the affairs of the office to Chie

Mr. Rodgers was interviewed yesterday

He was 45 years old, and lived at No. 13

Clay alley.
In the afternoon Alexander McWhorter,

aged 75 years, who lived at 3025 Penn ave-

nue, feil dead at the Black Diamond Steel Works. He had been employed there for a

number of years as a gate watchman.

Mrs. Julia McDonald, 50 years old, ap-

plied at the house of Thomas Welsh, Jones

avenue, above Twenty-eighth street, Friday

He is Alderman Cahill Now.

John Cahill, of the Eighth ward, received

ais appointment from Governor Pattison to

the aldermanship of the ward yesterday,

and was sworn in. Alderman Bell's term expired April 1, and yesterday with his

amily he left for his new home near Mor-

SMALL SCRAPS OF LOCAL NEWS.

THE Pittsburg Electric Club has applied for

MISS M. HUNZEKER, of Federal street, has

resigned at the telephone office to accept an ap-pointment in the Pension office.

EDWARD DETKER, the youngest son of John

and Caroline Detker, died yesterday at his par-ents' residence, No. 5 Davis street, aged 4 years.

OF the 12 letter carriers who report at the

the vacancy in the Third ward, Allegheny,

School Board caused by the resignation of Will-

THE Wooden Building Committee of Alle-

gheny met last night and granted three permits

for the erection of frame buildings in different

CHARLES COOLEY, a 7-year-old boy who is

unable to locate his home, is at the Twelfth ward police station. He says he came from Allegheny to go to the Museum yesterday, and

after the show was over he could not find his

THE regular Sunday night temperance meet-

ing will be held to-night in the Little Jim

Church on Rebecca street, Allegbeny. It will be led by William Blackstock, who will be as-sisted by Mr. Caufield, "Uncle" Tommy Jones

PULLED IN BY THE POLICE.

EDWARD SAWYER and George Googan were

arrested last night for attacking John Thomas on Water street and seriously beating him.

SUSAN LOWE was sent to fail last night by

Alderman Donovan for a further hearing,

charged by Anna M. Bell with assault and bat-

MARTIN FLAMIEX is in jail under a charge

of larceny made against him by Henry Camp-bell, before 'Squire McMillan, of Chartiers borough.

EDWARD JONES and Charles Ring quarreled

in a Carson street saloon about their right to a pooltable and were locked up in the Twenty-

LUDWIG CRISCRUINOR has been arrested at

the instance of Patrick O'Donnell, who charges

Louis EBERSOLT is in jail awaiting a hear-

ing to-morrow evening before Alderman Bein-hauer, on a charge by his wife of striking her with a chair without provocation.

HARRY CHAMBERS and John Mitchell, the

two men who assaulted Officer Bittner, were

held for court by Mayor Wyman vesterday. The other three men were discharged.

F. H. ROGERSON, a young man, entered the tailor shop at No. 31 Diamond street last night,

and snatching a pair of pants from a hook took to his heels. He was captured and turned over to Detective Coulson, who locked him up for a hearing.

ALFRED CAUSEN made an information be-

fore Alderman Donovan yesterday charging

J. H. Andrews with assault. Causen is the

step-father of Miss Mary S. Livers, a very pretty girla little under 16 years of age, and it is in her behalf that the suit is brought.

"WOODY" ADAMS is charged on information

ands before Alderman Richards by Mrs.

Mary McDonald, of No. 104 Chatham street, with

committing an aggravated assault and battery on her son William. Adams is charged with striking McDonald on the head with a club, and is in jail awaiting a hearing on Tuesday.

THAT \$2 25 WINDOW.

Fifty Styles of Boys' Suits in It,

Improves.

Every desirable weave on sale from the

beige suiting at 4c to the fine English suit-ings at \$1 25, 54 inches. All the new tints

in serges and henriettas, the rough effect novelties, the striking plaids, fancy grena-

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ton Bros.', Allegheny.

that the accused hit him with a piece of iron

eight ward station

and then jumped upon him.

has any relatives or friends.

Supplying Defects in the Charter We have also prepared an act supplementary to the charter act, which creates the Departments of Awards and Library, and elaborates on the duties of the heads of all departments, which were conferred in general terms by the charter. The acts were formulated to b harmony with the latest decision of the Supreme Court, the highest tribunal of the State, and to which every law-abiding citizen As soon as Major Moreland had concluded

Mayor Gourley called upon George Etphinstone, City Solicitor of Allegheny, to address the meeting.
Mr. Elphinstone—I understood that this

was a meeting of the citizens of Pittsburg. The Mayor-This legislation also affects Allegheny,

Allegheny,
Mr. Elphinstone—I agree with the learned
counsel employed by Pittsburg that curative legislation is demanded by your
present position and our present position. It is not only demanded, but it is right. It is not right, nor honest, for any citizen to resist such payment. Men who have been benefited should pay for it. Such legisla tion is demanded by honesty, justice and fair dealing between every citizen and the municipality. The proposed street act will also benefit us in Allegheny. In some minor matters it may not suit us, but I thind they can be adjusted. I think it the duty of the citizens of Pittsburg to accept the judgment of the able gentlemen who prepared this legislation.

#### APPROVED THE REMEDY.

A Lively Debate Ends With the Formal Approval of Curative Legislation-Senator Flinn Says the Contractor Is Not in It-Pica for the Poor Man.

The meeting having heard the views of the legal representatives of both cities, Mayor Gourley asked if any one desired to curative legislation was approved question Major Moreland.

Reuben Miller-Mr. Moreland, in this bill relating to municipal liens, is there not also a portion of an act covering the issue of certificates of indebtedness? Major Moreland-No, it is in an act re-

lating to cities of the second class. Mr. Miller-I think it is a matter to be

discussed at this meeting. Major Moreland-Senator Flinn is present, and he understands the subject better

Senator Flinn-These acts, with the exception of this section, are the work of lawyers. This section is largely my work, together with the City Controller. The charter ordinance prohibits the increase of the city's adebtedness without a vote of the people, Now the Supreme Court says \$2,000,000 must be paid by the city, and paid at once. This will necessitate the increase of the tax rate next year to 24 or 25 mills unless this

The Contractor Is Not in It.

The Senator continued: "I am speaking of this matter as a heavy taxpayer. The contractor is not in it. He is provided for by the decision of the Supreme Court. The question is, how will you pay this bill? Will you pay it by an increased tax levy, or will you lasue these certificates? I look upon it in the light of a mere business propusition. The decision of the Supreme Court one us every by way to court-helps the people There will be many suits brought to resist nayment under the curative act and policetions will be slow. This will result in ess competition and higher bids for street improvements, for the contractors will not know how long they will have to wait for their money. McKeesport has used this system specessfully for 15 years."

Mr. Milie:—How shall we discuss these biils? I move that we take up the two bills relating to curative legislation, and to bring the matter before the meeting I move the approval of these acts and request the Legis-

lature to pass them.

Mr. Mariand-I would prefer that the curative legislation be allowed to rest for the present. The municipality of Pittsourg, under the control of a few individuals, has incurred this liability. There has been some talk of honesty in this matter. It nerms to me that the quality of honesty depends on the quality or cloth the man wears. Objected to Mud Siinging.

Millio-I want to call the gentlem: to order. There is no use of throwing mud. Mr. Marland—I am not throwing mud.
We must bear this decision as we did in the

Penn avenue case, Mr. Porce-The Supreme Court stands between the Legislature and the people, and properly so. I don't think this meeting epresents the sentiment of the people, and for one, object to the municipal lies pro-

ticorge T. Oliver-If our members in the Legislature at the time of the Penn avenue cocision had been as active as our present on we should not have bad to pay \$5,000,000 or \$10,000,000. The citizens whose property was benefited expected to se benefits, and should pay for hom. If this curative legislation should e declared unconstitutional we will be no worse off than we are now.

D. D. Bruce-The cancer on the body points is still untouched, and neither of the nators present (Flinn and Neeb) have shown us any remedy for this cancer. We have not met only to consider curative legis-lation, but to remedy defects we have labored

Curative Legislation as a Gag.

Edwin Powell, agent for the Sargent estate We objected to the work when it was pro-We opposed it from the first because me-third was dictating to two-thirds. Am I instancest in refusing to pay this money? Curative legislation is a gag to force us to accept and pay for these improvements. This statement elicited a burst of ap-

Senator Flins-You represent property which is apposite mine on Negley avenue? Mr. Powell-Yes.

Senator Flinn-What is your assessment? Mr. Powell-Twenty thousand dollars. Senator Flinn-I bought my property for \$35 a foot. I can sell it to-day for \$100 a foot front, because of the improvements made on the street. I have paid my assessment, while other property holders, equally benefited, resist payment. Two gentlemen who spoke here owe for their assessments. Cries of "order," "order" arose from all tinued for a minute or two, while Mayor Gouriey kept up a continuous hammering with the heavy gavel. Order being re-

"I want these gentlemen to state why they are against this legislation. They put us into \$15,000,000 venrs ago and will put us into \$2,000,000 inore. We cannot take these bills out of the regular order and pass them through the Legislature without unanimous consent. and we cannot get it if the citizens are divined. The Supreme Court said nothing about the ope-third premium. It was origtoally provided that it took a majority in interest to secure an improvement, but the Lost End members changed that. But that did not affect the act. It was declared unconstitutional because it sought to regulate the practice of the courts. It's a simple promettion that anyone ought to undertand. [Applause.]

## Wouldn't Be Pointed At.

Mr. Marland-I am the gentleman to whom the Senator referred as having an unpaid assessment of \$4,500. Senator Flinn-I didn't say so.

Mr. Mariand-You pointed at me. I know the men who have control of the city, and I thought they had some respect for the truth. It the \$4,500 were divided by ten it

Mr. Powell-I would like to make an ex-Mayor Gourley-If we go back over the

will have to be passed within a tew days, and Mayor Gourley. Attorneys J. H. White and the bills must be at Harrisburg during and W. B. Rodgers have been invited to at-

the city going to collect the cost of these | morrow morning.

benefits from the citizens at large or from the persons benefited? The objection to the old bill was that it was local legislation. and that dissatisfied persons were unable to get into court easily, and not because of inequality in assessments. This curative legislation provides that no man shall be assessed unless benefited. [Applause.]

Ex-Councilman Munro—The acts of 1887 and 1889 were admirable laws, but, unfortunately, the Supreme Court did not think

so. This curative legislation is a hope at the best, but it is fair. Only those who are benefited can be made to pay. The excess of cost over the benefits must be borne by the city at large. [Applause.]

Colonel J. M. Schoonmaker—I believe that the matter of curative legislation should be left to those who asked for these

benefits. I petitioned for an improvement, I am ready to pay for it, and I am ready to

A Debt Upon the Poor Man. Mr. Miller-Remember, gentlemen, that this is a debt of Pittsburg, every dollar of it. It is a debt upon every poor man who owns a little home. Are you going to make the city pay it, or the people who are benefited?

Alex. Dempster—As a representative of the East End and as a representative of a say we are honest men and willing to pay for the benefits we have received. It is not equitable to ask those who have paid for their own improvements to pay for the improvement of other people's property. As to the inequitable assessment by the Board of Viewers, a remedy is provided in this measure. The property benefited should

pay and we say yea to curative legislation, The question was called on Mr. Miller's motion approving curative legislation. The Mayor asked for a viva voce vote, and the ratters fairly rang with ayes, although the navs made a good showing. A division was claimed, and a rising vote taken, Mayor Wyman, of Allegheny, who had dropped in and taken a seat by the President, voting aye. The motion was declared carried, and

#### ELECTING THE CHIEFS.

D. D. Bruce Wants Them Selected by the People-Satisfied to Let the Mayor Appoint Them-A Contractor Insists Upon

Speedy Payment. There was a lull for a moment after the curative measures had been approved, and then Colonel Schoonmaker moved that the meeting adjourn until Monday, when the

other bills could be considered. Senator Flinn-I would like to inform the Colonel that while these bills are being considered here they may be passed in the Sen-

A Voice-No one is hungry yet. We can stay here a couple of hours. Colonel Schoonmaker withdrew his motion, and D. D. Bruce got the floor to speak on the bill amending the charter ordinance and defining the duty of the chiefs. He said:

first meeting I have seen where every man kept We were not free, active agents-no, not ninetenths of us. Strings were pulled, we voted with our heads down; we felt like dogs. [Applause.] Why do we not elect the chiefs by a vote of the people and not by Councils? At the last moment of the last session of the Legislature a gentleman, not a Legislator, not a Councilman, but a citizen, struck out this clause and the chiefs were elected by Councils. When we elect Councilmen these gentlemen who control affairs do not ask whether the candidates affairs do not ask whether the candidates are of good moral character, whether they can read or write, but "will they suit us?"

Why should not the chiefs be elected by Councils? I saw a man come into this chamber this afternoon in his shirtsleeves, looking like a farmer. It was our Treasurer, an honest man, who has been elected time and again by the people. I saw another man come in with head erect. He had been elected by the people. He was Controller Morrow—an honest man. [Applause.]

A Question for Senator Neeb. Will Senator Neeb go into the Legislature and say the people are capable of electing the Treasurer and Controller, but are not capable of electing the chiefs of departments? We have a man here who was elected Mayor by the people, but his powers have been abbreviated. He sent a massage to Councils replets with good sense. What did they do with it? When the President what did nies ago to Congress the subject mat-ters are referred to appropriate committees. What did Councils de? They referred it to the Finance Committee and the Chairman put it in

Mr. Oliver-What is before the meeting? The gentleman's oration is very interesting but we can read it in the papers.

Mr. Bruce-I offer as an amendment to the bill that the heads of the departments be

elected by the people.

Mr. Miller-I contend that the whole theme of election is wrong. Our experiences have not been pleasant. We don't always get the best men. I suggest that we full back on the methods of the National Government, where the President appoints his own Cabinet. I would have the chiefs ap-

pointed by the Mayor.
Mr. Bruce-That suits me. Mr Miller-I hardly like to whisper it. but I believe that the pledge of Councils to grant \$40,000 a year in perpetuity for library

purposes will be found to be illegal. Senator Flinn-I do not agree altogether with Mr. Bruce. I do not believe that the head of the Police Department should be elected by the people, especially in a city so evenly divided politically as this. The gamblers used to run this city, and they stand ready to-day to pay the Chief of the Department of Public Saiety \$52,000 a year to let them operate. There is no use wrangling over these matters.

Carried With a Bush. Mr. Bruce's resolution, as amended by Mr. Miller, was put to a vote and carried with a rush, but lew mays being heard. Mr. Oliver then moved that the section providing for the issue of certificates of in-

debtedaess be stricken out. Mr. Miller moved to lay it on the table, but the motion was defeated. In the mean-time A. C. Robertson and the Mayor got into a snarl over a parliamentary ruling, but His Honor settled the matter by declar-

ing Mr. Robertson out of order. Evan Jones, the contractor, arose and said, with great earnestness: "Gentlemen, I want to tell you that some action must be taken toward paying the debts due con-tractors or there will be an avalanche of suits against the city. These men have been working on the improvements and spending their money, and they don't propose to be ruined. Many of them have borrowed money from banks, for which they are paying interest. I am paying \$50 a day in this way. Next February we will get a mandainus upon every member of Councils and force them to appropriate money to pay

the contractors.

Mr. Oliver-I think if I owe a man money and cannot pay him, I should give him a note for the money, and this is what this section provides. We can't collect declared constitutional, under two or three

ferred back to the representatives for their careful consideration, but John Bindley offered an amendment to refer the bills un der discussion to a committee of seven to report to the meeting when it met again on

Afraid of Continuing the System. Dr. Evans-I don't believe many persons

present are opposed to issuing certificates for work already done, but are opposed to continuing this system indefinitely.

Senator Flian—The city must pay this money and pay it now. As a taxpayer I would rather pay it in three years than in

Mr. Oliver-The provision does not increase the indebtedness. As soon as the contract is awarded the city owes the money. The resolution for the appointment of a committee to consider the bills was carried,

and the meeting adjourned until 2 P. M. Monday. Mayor Gourley—If we go back over the made we'll not get through to-day.

H. M. Long—If the citizens of Pittsburg want to pass any legislation at this term it.

Monday.

The committee, as appointed by the Mayor, consists of Messra. John Bindley, D. D. Bruce, Reuben Miller, George T. Oliver, J. H. Ricketson, Controller Morrow the coming week.

J. H. White—The question is simple—is held in the Mayor's office at 9:30 o'clock to-

# A LACK OF CONFIDENCE

the Way W. J. Howard Sams Up the Cause for a Public Meeting-Immediate Action Necessary-M. A. Woodward Has Something to Say.

The text of the letters from W. J. Howard and M. A. Woodward, as read by Mayor Gourley, is as follows: PITTSBURG, April 4.

Hon, H. I. Gonriev, Mayor: DEAR SIR-I am in receipt this morning of your invitation to attend the meeting of citi-tens at Council chamber to-day to "examine into and discuss other legislation relating t Pittsburg, now before the Legislature," and recret that I am unable to be present. However, I hold myself subject to any request from you for all the personrl aid I can render to se you for all the person'l aid I can render to secure proper and efficient legislation to promote
the general interest and welfare of the city.
I may suggest to you that from the many subjects contained in the proposed legislation and
their complex nature, with the very limited
knowledge concerning them as yet had by the
poople, any discussion or examination of them
in a general meeting would at best be

Unsatisfactory and Confusing. They require a close and careful inspection understand their relation to and effect upon the public interests as well as the private rights of the individual citizen and taxpayer. Very able counsel employed by the city have considered and drafted them, but as all wisdom is not contained in the legal profession, a little

is not contained in the legal profession, a little leaven of the practical, hard, every-day business sense and experience of some of your leading business men and taxpayers may be able to throw defects to the surface, and suggest additional safeguards which I feel assured would be gladly adopted by those having the subject in special charge.

Such a committee of gentlemen might be selected at your meeting to-day, who could and would promptly give time and labor to the matter in connection with the City Attorney, and with whose report and advice concerning them the public would be satisfied. If possible full publicity should be given by a publication of the bills themselves at length in the press.

As the session of the Legislature is rapidly drawing to a close, action should be promptly taken; but it is desirable to avoid the dangers and complications of having a general meeting of citizens, hastily called together, passing judgment or approval or disapproval after two or three hours' discussion upon the proposed laws, which are not only to bear unon Pittsburg, but equally upon every other municipality in the State and in and about which burg, but equally upon every other munici-pality in the State, and in and about which every other community has a like right to be

Shows a Lack of Confidence.

No one will, however, misunderstand the un derlying purpose and aim of the meeting or want of confidence in the integrity of some of the city departments and a determination that a better management and condition of some of its public affairs shall prevail in the future. Very respectfully yours, W. J. HOWARD. M. A. Woodward, Esq., sent the follow

PITTSBURG, April 4. Hon. H. I. Gourley, Mayor, etc.: non. H. I. Gouriey, Mayor, etc.:

DEAR SIR—Your invitation to a public meeting this afternoon just received. I greatly regret that I cannot attend, as I have something to say in the interest of the city as respects both the city government and the property holder, for whom that government should be more zealous than it is to seeme perfect and ore zealous than it is to secure perfect and l am one of the pallbearers at Mr. Alex M.
I am one of the pallbearers at Mr. Alex M.
Watson's funeral this afternoon. Yours respectfully.
M. A. WOODWARD.

MIGHT HAVE SAVED THE CITY MONEY. The Agent for the Sargent Estate Sets Forth His Position.

Mr. Edwin Powell, who represents the Sargent estate, East End, took exception to Senator Flinn's statement that he was opposed to the curative measure because he wished to evade the payment of a just assessment. In this connection Mr. Powell stated to a DISPATCH reporter that so far from this being the case the estate was willing to have the matter between the city and the estate settled in a court of law.

"Three years ago," said Mr. Powell, estate brought suit against the city in \$30. 000 damages for injury to a portion of its property. An injunction was obtained to restrain the city from further molesting the property pending a legal decision on the The city was obliged to give a bond in \$60,000 to indemnify the estate against loss, and the bond was filed and is held by us to this day, for the case has never been brought to trial. D. T. Watson still has rould not now be \$2,000,000 in debt.

## A MILLION IN THE BANKS.

City Depositories Tell the Court How Much They Have on Hand.

The city depositories yesterday filed their answers in the equity suit of W. J. Howard against the city of Pittsburg, the Finance Committee, city depositories and others.
In accordance with the opinion of Judge
Ewing in dismissing the demurrers to the
bill, the banks only answered as to the amounts and dates of deposits of city funds the checks drawn on them and the balance due the city. The balances shown to be due the city on April 1, 1891, were: Farmers Deposit National Bank, \$309,406 39; Free hold Bank, \$231,833 64; First National Bank, \$245,012 60; Allegheny National Bank, \$260,865 66.

## BOTH BADLY SCARED.

A Burglar Enters a Meyersdale House, but Doesn't Tarry.

The family of Samuel D. Livingood, Meyersdale banker, who resides at 517 Fifth avenue, were badly frightened last night by the discovery of burglars in the house, About 9 o'clock Mrs. Livingood, while seated in the library, heard a noise on the third floor, and on going to the stairs ob-served a man, whom she describes as being tall, with a long, gray chin beard, standing

Mrs. Livingood ran across the street and notified Grocer O. G. Brown, who went to the rescue, only to find that the burglar had made his escape through a window, the marks of his feet being visible in the snow An investigation showed that nothing had been taken. The affair was reported to the police.

the contract to make the switchboards in the new building of the Telephone Company. -John D. Ranken, a prominent iron may

registered at the Monongahela House last evening. -W. P. Morrison and wife, of New Castle, and C. W. Disbrow, of Grand Rapids, are among the guests at the Seventh Avenue

-S. Bellerby, a London brewer, is at the Duquesne. He is in America gathering hints about how to improve the business. -Justice Grannan, of the Georgia Supreme Court, passed through the city yesterday

-H. E. Corning, of Elyria, and W. H Dill, Jr., of Meyersdale, are at the Mononga-hela House. -Major O. E. Emerson, of Titusville, is stopping at the Anderson. He is a prominent

-C. R. Bacon, of the Rose Coghlan Com pany, is registered at the Seventh Avenue -Francis Rawle, attorney for the Knoxville Land Company, was in the city yester-

-Manager Harry Williams, of the Academy, went to Cincinnati last night. DR. B. M. HANNA. Eye, ear, nose and throatdiseases exclusively. Office, 720 Penn street, Pittsburg, Pa.

CAPITAL TO AID IT.

The Poor Boards Are Regarded as Corpse No Fight Will Be Made in Allegheny Columbia Company Officials Say To-Morrow-They Could Only Be Short Business Will Be Resumed, Lived at Best.

the public.

ians."

any fight.

BUT A LEGAL DIFFICULTY ARISES.

The Pennsylvania Construction Company's Plant Closed by the Sheriff.

MANY SUITS ENTERED AGAINST BOTH

It was confidently stated yesterday, by gentlemen interested in the concern, that the Columbia Iron and Steel Company would pull through its difficulties. All that is needed is time and the assistance of certain financiers, whom, it is asserted, are certain to render the assistance required. A slight legal hitch occurred yesterday regarding the assignment. It seems that prior to the company's assignment Attorney P. C. Knox, acting on behalf of the Belmont Nail Company, of Wheeling, served notice on the directors of the former company that an application for a receiver had been lodged in the United States Courts here, Mr. Knox appeared before Judge Reed vesterday, and applied for the appointment of a receiver and an order restraining the assignee from further action. G. S. Wilson argued that the assignment had been made in good faith and Judge Reed called for all the papers in

the case and said he would make no order either way for the present. The Judge is expected to hand down his decision tomorrow. Negotiations to Settle Matters. Mr. O'Brien, when seen yesterday afternoon, said that there were negotiations pend-

ing with certain financiers which, when

completed, would place the company on its feet. He expresses the belief that these negotiations were certain to be effected. The company has been unlucky in some of its recent contracts. Eleven thousand dollars is tied up under a mechanic's lien on the Pittsburg Storage Company's building. The lawyers connected with this matter fee confident that this sum will ultimately become available. Thirty thousand dollars is reported to be the loss sustained by the company through a contract with Cheeney & Huewlett, of New York, and none of this amount is likely to be recovered. Mr. Neal, of Neal Brothers, who is interested in the company said yesterday that he was confident that the company would be able to resume business in a short time. He did not think the creditors would press for payent when they learned that there were couple of Pittsburg men who were now preparing to assist the company. The large shareholders showed no disposition to press matters to an issue, and he thought that the small shareholders would all be paid in full in a few days. Mr. Neal said that the com-pany had paid off \$60,000 of its indebtedness in the last couple of months. He did not think that the workers at Uniontown were much inconvenienced by the deferred pay. Many of them had received evidence of the amounts due to them, and these had been cashed by the local banks. The capital of the company was only \$400,000, and the ad-

ditional capital of \$500,000 voted at the last

meeting had not been paid up. The plant

cost about \$800,000.

Mr. Yeager's Statement of Affairs. Charles K. Yeager, attorney for the Columbia Iron and Steel Company, says that J. G. Grettman, to whom Christian Yeager confessed judgment, is not personally inter-ested in the matter to the extent of 1 cent, but is only guardian and trustee for others that there are no judgments against the company, as far as he knows, though there are some suits and that no one for the company ever tried to raise any amount of money on a mortgage in London. An English syndicate tried buy the company, but it took so long to find its pocketbooks that negotiations were the case in hand, and we are only too anx-ious to have the legality of the city's action tested. If this case had been tried the city the company's showing in any way. He broken off. The syndicate is willing to rethe works come, would not be heavy losers, but quite the contrary, and that negotiations are now going on, which if successful, will put the company in better shape than it If the company is successful in carrying

through its negotiations for resumption, a complete chauge in the management will result. It is charged that the late management was not altogether efficient, and an instance is related where the Pennsylvania Railroad Company withdrew its cars from the company's service owing to the long de-tention they were subjected to at the works, The liabilities of the company are stated to be \$1,200,000. Boggs & Buhl are reported as being creditors to the extent of \$250,000. Mr. O'Brien stated yesterday that the Pennsylvania Construction Company had no con-nection with the Columbus Company other than it used the iron made by the latter. There will be a meeting of the creditors in

The Excitement at Uniontown.

A dispatch from the special correspondent of THE DISPATCH at Uniontown says: of THE DISPATCH at Uniontown says:

The deed of assignment made by the Columbia Iron and Steel Company to Charles A. O'Brien, of Pittsburg, was closely scanned by many pairs of eyes in the Recorder's office to-day and bore the marks of much handling. The citizens of Uniontown, especially the minority stockholders, were loath to believe that our largest manufacturing concern had gone to the wall, and wanted to see for themselves. The assignment was the one absorbing topic of conversation to-day, even the critical situation in the coke region being for the time forgotten. Much sympathy is expressed for President Yeager and other losers in the concern. A plan is on foot among the local capitalists who are interested in the Columbia Company, and a number of the Pitisburg stockholders, to reorganize the company and operate the works. No details of the plan can be learned, but it is known that President J. V. Thompson, of the First National Bank, Judge Nathaniel Ewing and other capitalists are willing to do all in their power to help the company out of its difficulties. assignment was the one absorbing topic of con-

David Hunter Returned to Office.

David Hunter was yesterday announced by Chief Armstrong as the Superintendent of the Bureau of Public Lighting. He is at present Superintendent of Gas. His duties will be about the same as at present but the salary is larger.

PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO.

—Ex-Mayor George T. Ames, of Springfield, Mass., is at the Monongahela House. He is now in the liquor business, and says he doesn't like the license laws of the Bay State.

—Colonel Beetle, of the Western Electric Company, is still at the Anderson. He is after the contract to make the switchboards in the renavolvania Construction Company.

day. The Pennsylvania Construction Company The Pennsylvania Construction Company works, which are practically under the same management as the Columbia Mill, were closed by Sheriff McCormick to-day on executions in behalf of the following creditors: William Carton, Uniontown, \$48 85; the National Banks, of Fayette county, for use of C. H. Seaton, of Uniontown, \$1,228 28; A. M. Byers & Co., of Pittsburg, \$94 81, and R. Hogsett & Co., the Mt. Braddock coke firm, \$1,634 25. The bonded indebtedness of this company is \$50,000, the payment of which is graranteed by the Fidelity Title and Trust Company, of Pittsburg, which is secured by a mortgage for this amount in favor of that company. The announcement that Judge Reed would appoint a receiver for the Columbia Company is received with favor here. with favor here,

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CLOTHING COMPANY, corner Grant and Diamond streets. IF your complaint is want of appetite, try (710) (710) (710) the place to get the newest Angostura Bitters before meals. TTSSu dress trimming.

A NEW PROPRIETOR.

Sam Brown Buys Out C. S. Holmes, of the Monongahela House. The opinion of W. B. Rodgers on the loss

EASE AND FIXTURES FOR \$75,000

The Hotel Has Been Paying a Fair Profit for Some Time Past.

ALL JUDGMENTS WILL BE CANCELED | Congress will be memorialized to transfer

not by the people, that organization was cer-tainly a corpse. Even if the attorney should, by any mischance, be correct in his views, the Allegheny board would be only shortlived, for there is now a bill before the Legislature abolishing the guardians of the poor, and it is sure to pass. The Poor Board of Allegheny, where the fight was to be made if any was attempted, will peacefully Once more the old Monongahela House hanges proprietors. Captain Sam Brown bought it vesterday for \$75,000 in cold cash. and Charles S. Holmes, the present lessee, retires from the business. Captain Brown People were rather surprised yesterday,

and said: "It is not the public's business It is simply a matter between the Poo when it was announced that Captain Brown Board and myself, I do not want to talk to had issued an execution against Mr. Holmes When Chief Elliot was seen he only for \$21,014, but this was only a part of the laughed and said he had not thought the opinion worth reading. Said he: "I believe this department is constitutional and I believe the Poor Board is dead. It may be deal. The Captain and Mr. Holmes are fast friends, and those not on the inside couldn't understand the move, which is essily explained. On February 19 the dedifferent in Allegheny. If it is decided fendant gave Captain Brown a note for the that we do not possess the power we now ex amount named, which was to have been paid ercise I am willing to quit. I only know that the charities have cost the city less in a day. The note was recorded a few days since it has been made a department than it did under the old Board of Poor Guard-Mr. Holmes' Plans for the Future.

When Mr. Holmes was seen last evening City Solictor Elphinstone, of Allegheny, did not seem to be worrying very hard. "I don't believe there is very much in it." was he said: "You may say that the execution was issued to shut off some spite work what he said. "Even if the not of 1887," he continued, "does not take away all the powers of the Poor Board, there is now a bill in Harrisburg that has passed the second readof my former partner. I have no further use for him, and even his brother refuses to speak to him. The house has been paying \$3,000 a month ever since I took hold of it, but I have too much ing in the House. It abolishes the poor to do to attend to it and my father's business. In the future I will devote myself to the liquor trade. Father has wholesale houses in Chicago, Phillipsburg guardians altogether. There will not be any trouble on Monday."

A member of the Board of Poor Guardians was seen last night and said that the office would be turned over to-morrow without and here; besides, I am President of the company that owns the Kent House at Lakewood, and with all these interests to look after THEY ALL DROPPED DEAD. I felt that the Monongahela House was mor than I could manage with justice to all. Three Deaths in Lawrenceville Yesterday have spent \$78,000 in improving the house, and I retire a little ahead of the game. I don't That Were Startlingly Sudden. There were three sudden deaths in Law know what Captain Brown intends to do, or whether the present management will be renceville yesterday. James White, a colcontinued or no. Manager Kelly is a first-class man, but this house belongs to Captain ored man employed at the Carbon Iron Works, dropped dead about 11 o'clock in Brown now, and he hasn't spoken of his plans to me. I have assured the Captain the morning while working in the milt.

that I will pay all I owe, and he has perfect confidence in my ability to do so. As for Mr. Arnold I am through with him." As to the Keeping of the House. Mr. Holmes was in an excellent humor as he spoke about the deal. Two months ago he bought out H. H. Arnold's interest in the lease and furnishings. Captain Brown went home early last evening, and couldn' be seen. It is safe to say he will maintain the present high standnight, for lodging, saying that she had no place to stay. Yesterday, while talking to Welsh, she fell to the floor, and when picked up was dead. It is not known whether she ard of the house. The lease was made to Mr. Holmes for ten years, about nine of which remain. The old house is owned by Charles J. Clarke, Florence Mit-

ler and the Crossan estate. In this connection several other suits were entered against Mr. Holmes yesterday. The Diamond Milk Company claims \$543 86 for milk furnished the Monongaheia House. The same company also demands \$578 36 including in the suit H. H. Arnold as one o the proprietors. The Grocers' Supply and Storage Company claims from Mr. Holmes \$2,296 27 for groceries supplied. G. Steinhauser, the butcher, presents a bill to Mr. Holmes for \$2,048 24 and to Holmes & Arnold \$2,230 80 for meat furnished. Mr. Holmes says these bills will all be paid, but he wants Mr. Arnold to do his

REAL ESTATE. INSURANCE. Myer Gailinger, Yoder law building, corner Fifth and Wylie avenues. Telephone, 1707. Take elevator.

Dutier street yesterday, breaking a leg in two places. She was taken to her home on Thirty-ninth street.

Mayor Gourley yesterday signed the ordinance giving the Carnegie Library Trustees tuthority to erect buildings in the Schenley Park entrance.

New York Dry Goods Market Paralyzed.

New Last. just returned from the market, the result of our eash purchases will be felt by compet-itors this week. New prices will be made in every department. Don't invest a cent in any kind of dry goods till you see the new prices. Come to the cash store and get posted. THORNTON BROS., Allegheny.

Commencing Work at Alignippa Park Several cars of lumber and a car of paint have arrived at Aliquippa for the improve ments on the grounds; a large force of car-penters and painters will be at work next week. The machinery for the new water works will arive on Wednesday and be put in operation.

Why Are They Silent?

When the McKinley bill passed it was a race to see who would tell you first about the advance that would take place later on Why don't they come out and post you now about the condition of the drygoods market in the East? Never were prices so low as now, and they will be no higher this season. See what we offer: All the 12c, 15c and 18c fine dress glaghams and zephyr stripes go at 10c; one price for all. Remember, when you pay 123/c to 18c you are getting what we sell at 10c. All the popular makes. Take advantage of the Cash Store prices THORNTON BROS. this week.

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6e for the light suitings. Come to the Cash Store. The price is 61/c for blues and 5c for light suitings.
THORNTON BROS., Allegheny. Have You Seen the Fort Pitt Spoon? A souvenir of Pittsburg. It contains the seal of the city, Fort Pitt Redoubt (the old

block house), the keystone of the 13 origin-al States, the emblem of France, the crown

of George II., the coat of arms of William

Pitt and many other interesting historica

details. Originated and sold only by E. P. Roberts & Sons, Fifth avenue and Market Ladies, Here Is a Picnic,

Have you seen that boys' suit window on the Grant street side of our store? Every suit in it marked \$2 25. You'll say they If you fancy homespun dress goods, the latest novelty in plains, stripes and twills; the craze now in the East. Now on sale in all the leading stores here at 60c and 75c. All wool, of course, and new light colors; are fine patterns and great value. Sizes 4 to 14. Bring the boys along.
P. C. C., PITTSBURG COMBINATION CLOTHING COMPANY, corner Grant and 39c our price Monday morning. No store in either city owns them at above price. Diamond streets, opposite the Court THORNTON BROS. See How Our Dress Goods Department

THE only dress trimming store in Western Pennsylvania, 710 Penn avenue. Goods arrive daily; we are the leaders of styles. REINING & WILDS.

Modern Prices. Suits to order \$25, and pants \$6 and up-ward at Pitcairn's, 434 Wood street.

100 PIECES beige suitings, 121/c quality at 4c, Monday morning at the Cash Store. THORNTON BROS., Allegheny.

ASTRONOMERS ARE ANGRY. THEY DEMAND THAT THE NATIONAL OBSERVATORY

Be Divorced From the Navy Department College Observatories Deprived of Their Source of Financial Support-The Allegheny Institution Is Among Those

Sr. Louis, April 4.-The leading asronomers and scientists of the United States are uniting their forces for a struggle, and confidently expect to win. The next the control of the United States Naval Observatory from the Navy Department to the hands of a purely scientific and astronomical board, which shall thereafter constitute an astronomical department of the governand Charles S. Holmes, the present lessee, retires from the business. Captain Brown will run the hotel in the future, in his own that there is a great deal more need of the change than there was in the case of the transfer of the Westher Bureau from the War to the Agricultural Department.

The cause of the movement is a step re-cently taken by the United States Naval Observatory, which inflicts the greatest injury upon the various astronomical observa-tories of the country—that is, the practice established of supplying the Western Union Telegraph Company with time signals for

commercial use. In 1887, from Washington University here, the signals necessary for the regula-tion of timepieces in this district first began to be derived. It was a practical system, which caused a revolution in the manner of securing correct astronomical time over the whole country, and it made St. Louis for years the center of interest for all interested in the system. Following the entrance of the Washington University in the field, there was established a circuit of astronomical observations, under the new system as follows: The Harvard Observatory, at Cam-bridge; Lick Observatory, at Mount Ham-Ilton, Cal.; College Observatory, at North-field, Minn.; Allegheny Observatory, at Allegheny; Washington Observatory, St. Louis, and the Winchester Observatory, of

The sums received from railroads in payment for the time and other signals furnished by this circuit, formed the main sapport of the observations, and now the vstem adonted by the United States Naval Observatory will drive the university observations from the field. The universities say the only means they had of advancing the cause of science will be withdrawn, and their costly plants will be rendered useless.

To Protect the Parks.

WASHINGTON, April 4 .- Troops of cavalry have been ordered to Calfornia to po-lice the Sequoia and Yosemite National parks. These troops are expected to arrive about May L

Special Announcement, Have you seen our stock of diamonds old and silver watches, jewelry, silverware bronzes, etc., etc.? If not, please call and compare prices and quality. Courteous reatment guaranteed.

A full line of musical instruments always N. GALLINGER'S, 1200 Penn Av. WFSu

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To Our Wholesale Customers Who buy not less than five pieces assorted we will offer Atlantic mills FF cashmere ednesday at 24340 in browns, blues, olives, garnets, myrtle and blacks; no light colors. See what the manufacturers ask you for the above. Competitors can cut this out for THORNTON BROS.

JOHN C. HENRY, formerly purchasing agent of the North American Construction Company, has been appointed general agent of R. D. Nuttall & Co., manufacturers of electric railway supplies, fine machinery, etc., of Allegheny City. The above firm is to be congratulated in securing so genial a gentleman, besides a thorough business

Fifty Styles of Boys' Suits in It. Have you seen that boys' suit window on the Grant street side of our store? Every suit in it marked \$2 25. You'll say they are fine patterns and great value. Sizes 4 to 14. Bring the boys along.
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Diamond streets, opposite the Court House. All 10c. Toile du Nord, A. F. C., Criterion, Armingdale, Greylock's, Bates' and a dozen other sephyr ginghams that you are buying every day at 121/2c, 15c and 18c, for 10c. 1,000 pieces, 300 different styles, on sale Monday

morning at the Cash Store. THORNTON BROS. Spring Suitings. The largest and most fashionable stock

suitings, trouserings and overcoatings at Pitcairn's, 434 Wood street.

Hugus & Hacke

Unequaled are the bargains and assortments that offer this week in our Dress Goods Department. In Paris Robes we show an elegant line of novelties with beautiful embroidered Appliques and Lace Effect

Trimmings. French Suitings in Camel's Hair, Cheviot and Homespun Fabrics. Spots, plaids and stripes in the long camel's hair and rough effects.

Our assortments in these two lines are entirely of exclusive styles and will be marked this week at prices greatly under original values.

100 pieces of All-wool Suitings at 50c a yard. Extra value and styles rivaling in effect goods of very much higher price. Three remarkably good val-

ues in Colored Henriettas: 40-inch at 50c. 46-inch at 75c. 46-inch at \$1, In a full line of day and evening shades.

Cor. Fifth Av. and Market St.

N. B.-A special opening this week of imported novelties of Ladies' Wraps, Jackets, Capes, etc., for spring and summer wear. Cloak Department, second floor.

Has removed to

ap5-MWFSu C. H. DIETRICH. Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Leather and Shoe Findings,

Bottled Their Volces. E. H. Sothern and Mr. Cook yesterday delivered a scene from the "Maister of Woodbarrow" into a phonegraph of the local company. The actors enjoyed the

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CHOICEST CARPETS

Ever brought to Pittsburg can now be seen as EDWARD

GROETZINGER'S.

All the very latest designs produced in both Axminsters,

Wiltons, Gobelins, Moquettes, Body Brussels, Tapestry Brussels And Ingrains.

Many of the designs shown are confined ex clusively to our house.

Lace and Turcoman Curtains.

We still have about 100 pieces of Tapestry Brussels of last fall's patterns to sell at 50c 65 and 75c a yard-worth 25 per cent more every-

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AT All goods jobbed at lowest Eastern

MARSHELL,

THE CASH GROCER,

WILL SAYE YOU MONEY.

We are not yet prepared to make our opening announcement for

24 DIAMOND SQUARE PITTSBURG. When we got possession on April

we found we had a bigger job

than we had expected to transform

it into a salesroom such as we intend to have. But we are getting there in good shape and will soon have such a transformation in the building the

old-timers will fail to recognize it.

Watch the evening papers for our opening announcement. If you can't come and see us, send for our large Weekly Price List and order by mail. Orders amounting to \$10. without counting sugar, packed and shipped free of charge to any point within 200 miles. A SPECIAL DISCOUNT OF 5 PER CENT on all orders amounting to \$30, without counting sugar and meat.

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A FEW OF MANY

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New Choice Dress Goods. At 25c—Choice foreign styles Wool Dress
Plaids and Stripes, newest colorings and effects.

At 37 1/2 c - 38 inch Wool Plaids and Stripes in real French designs: also, extra grade 38 inch Cashmeres. At 50c-44-inch Plaids, in very rich color-

At 65c—Bourette Plaids and 40-inch solid colors Imperial Serges. As excellent bargain. At 75c—40-inch all-wool Plaids.
40-inch all-wool Foule.
40-inch all-wool Camel's Hair.
40-inch all-wool Henrietta.

These are each very cheap lines. At 85c-1 case each 46-inch Henrietta in

At \$1 00—52 inch French Serges,
42 inch French Tamise,
41 inch French Herring Bone,
44 inch French Chevron,
45 inch French Diagonals,
46 inch French Camel's Hair,
811k and Wool Lansdowne.

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